

<p>418 Revised</p>	<p>what type of transition activities are permitted during blackout periods?</p>	<p>Given the short period for transition, vendors should propose activities that are preparatory and represent low risk to current services during blackout periods. Vendors should thus propose activities that will not disturb current services during blackout periods, and which will speed site transition after the blackout period has passed. Examples of such activities might include trenching and construction of new conduit for diverse entrances in those locations where needed, scheduling installation of loops to support new services, and other activities which can take place in parallel to continuing to operate the current services.</p> <p>Specifically, the Government views cut over of TCE services and the subsequent 30-days acceptance testing of these services at Category 1 and Category 2 sites during blackout periods as unacceptable risk. The Government views site surveys, local access circuit ordering and installation, and equipment installation and power on testing at Category 1 and 2 sites as presenting no more than moderate risk. Additionally, the Government views cut over of TCE services at Category 3 sites during weekend hours in the blackout periods to present no more than moderate risk, and the subsequent 30-days acceptance test period during blackout periods to present no more than moderate risk. Cut over of Category 3 sites within the blackout period during weekdays, and particularly during business hours, is viewed as high risk. Please refer to Section M of the RFP to determine the impact these risks may have on your rating.</p>
<p>573 Revised</p>	<p>Please confirm that the nine-month transition period from October 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007 is in reference only to the transition plan.</p>	<p>For EVALUATION PURPOSES only and to complete their proposed transition plan, the Offerors shall assume the transition will begin on October 1, 2006 and end no later than June 30, 2007, which would be a nine-month transition period. All transition activities, from site survey through acceptance testing must be conducted within the nine-month timeframe. Also, the Government views a high concentration of transition sites in a short time frame to present high risk and will view more favorably those transition plans which tend to more evenly spread site transitions across the allocated transition period. Please refer to Section M of the RFP to determine the impact these risks may have on your rating.</p>